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**ELECTION** 

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SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Communication dated August 6, 2007, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Species B (Figs. 5 and 6), which reads upon Claims 9, 19 and 20. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover non-elected claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Claims 9, 19, and 20 be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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